DFAS-SL Transition

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Important Training Opportunity

The MO Division of Workforce Development (DWD), Rapid Response Program will provide all interested DFAS employees training on the different services and assistance programs that are available to us as a result of our closing. The training will be:

Friday, March 10, 2006 Building 105 Auditorium

There are four sessions scheduled:

Morning

Afternoon

8:30A.M. - 9:30A.M. 12:30P.M - 1:30P.M.

10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M. 2:00P.M. - 3:00P.M.

The session will be approximately 1 hour long with Q&A periods at the end.

Additional information about the program is at:

http://www.ded.mo.gov/wfd/pdfs/rrpresentation.pdf



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DFAS-SL Transition Team

The Transition Team

The DFAS-SL transition team consist of Mr. Frisch, Betty Anthony, Margie Wasser, Elsie Cline, Debra White, Jeff Shelton, Vic Scauzzo, Emma Strickland, Jeri Bryant, Fatima Taylor-Greenlee, Michael Morton, Blair Weller, Larry Walker, Cassandra Williams, Connie Killingworth, Kathy Beck and Michael Woods. This team will act as an information center for DFAS St. Louis. The transition team concept is based on the assumption that workers affected by BRAC are more likely to ask knowledgeable "co-workers" about the available programs and services.

Transition Team Training

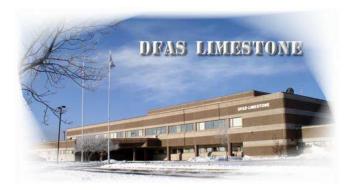
The DFAS-SL Transition Team attended training sessions that were conducted on February 16th and 23rd. During the training sessions the team learned about the many free programs and services that are available for dislocated workers. Representatives from the Missouri Career Center, Dislocated Worker Program, Division of Family Services, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, St. Louis County Human Services, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department Labor-Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training and Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, St. Louis Community College, University Missouri and United Way of Greater St. Louis made presentations.

Additional Information

Additional information is available at the Missouri Division of Workforce Development web site at http://ded.mo.gov/wfd/ Information on programs and services offered through Missouri Career Centers and a link to the Great Hires-State a local job search database, allowing job seekers to post resumes where they can be seen by over 10,000 registered Missouri businesses. Also, by calling 1-888-728-JOBS you will be connected to the Missouri Career Center nearest you.

Note more information with web links on the services available will be provided in future newsletter issues.

DFAS-Limestone Center.



Above is a view of DFAS Limestone, Maine.

Mr. Larry Conrad, DFAS Limestone Site Director, has challenged us to explore the option of choosing DFAS Limestone. The first link,

https://eportal.dfas.mil/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&cached=true&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=25&in hi userid=145502&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=434&PageID=1334 is to the Limestone Bound Page on the Limestone ePortal Community. You have the opportunity to download and view a 17 minute video on DFAS Limestone and the surrounding community; see testimonials from Limestone employees; explore links to the local area; read about their Booster Club and ASMC chapter; and if you have questions or need more information, you can drop them a line at DFAS-LI-AILC@DFAS.MIL

The second link, <u>www.dfaslimestone.org</u>, is sponsored by the Northern Maine Development Commission and provides information about the area, and helps you decide whether DFAS Limestone and its surrounding communities are the right fit for you.

Help Wanted

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) currently located in the Washington DC area (scheduled to move to Huntsville, Alabama approximately FY 2010) will be looking for help. They will be recruiting for a GS-510-14/15 (NH IV) level position but will consider a lateral in at the GS-510-12/13 (NH III) level. If you are interested I have placed an abbreviated job description for the job out on the DSL-BRAC folder, subject MDA GS-510 position. Plus, you can contact Vic Scauzzo at 260-3362 for additional information.

The web site for MDA is:

http://www.mda.mil/mdalink/html/employment.html

Helpful Web Sites

Department of Defense Sites

- DoD BRAC Site
- BRAC Frequently Asked Questions
- DoD Transformation

DFAS Sites

- DFAS's Official Public Web Site
- DFAS Careers Page
- DFAS Civilian PCS Resource Guide

https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/pso/PCS/index.htm

US Army Site

Surface Deployment & Distribution Command (SDDC) http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Home

Other Federal Sites

• OPM's USA Jobs Site

Illinois State Sites

Link to Illinois workforce services:

http://www.ides.state.il.us/default.asp

Office Locator-Illinois Employment & Training Centers

http://www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/network/index.asp

Link to Madison County-Employment & Training Ctr. http://www.mcetd.org/

Link to Illinois area Employment & Training Centers. http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=granite+city&state=IL&proximity=50&search=Search

Quotes

" It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. There's nothing to hold on to."- Marilyn Ferguson

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Some men see things as they are and say, "Why?" I dream of things that never were and say, "Why not?" - George Bernard Shaw, frequently attributed to Robert F. (Bobby) Kennedy, who used it in a speech which his brother, Edward F. (Teddy) Kennedy quoted at RFK's funeral.

Note From the Editor

I need your ideas on what to include in this newsletter. As a reminder, a DSL-BRAC folder has been created out on public folders. I have placed answers to your questions and the last newsletter in the folder.

Thanks

Vic Scauzzo